IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

THURSDAY, THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 8TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 24595 of 2007(C)

PETITIONER:

A. SHAJAHAN, SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY,
RANNI-PERUNAD, GRAMA PANCHAYAT
(UNDER SUSPENSION),PATHANAMTHITTA.

BY ADV. SRI.SIBY MATHEW
SRI.PHILIP J.VETTICKATTU

RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA,REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, TRIVANDRUM.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF PANCHAYATS, TRIVANDRUM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.BEJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 29/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI, J.

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W.P.(C)No.24595 of 2007

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Dated this the 29th day of November 2007

JUDGMENT

The main grievance high lighted by the petitioner is with regard to the delay in the completion of the departmental proceedings and the consequent delay in taking a decision on the revocation of the suspension of the petitioner. Ext.P4 indicates that the delay incurred in this regard is on account of the pendency of a vigilance investigation.

2. Learned government pleader, on instructions, submits that the vigilance investigation will be completed at the earliest, at any rate, within a period of three months from today. Submission is recorded.

3. In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to consider and take a decision on the petitioner's request for revocation of suspension within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. It is made clear that even if

the vigilance investigation is not completed, within the time frame aforementioned, petitioner's claim for revocation of the suspension shall be independently considered and a decision be taken within the aforementioned time frame.

V.GIRI, JUDGE

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